

AIDS awareness



Ryan Camp, a first-year law and security student, signs his comments to a flag, commemorating his visit to the NAMES Project AIDS memorial quilt display held Nov. 16 in the Sanctuary. (Photo by Heather M. Graham)

This week in the news

CIBC reduces student rates

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) announced Friday, Nov. 17 that all student rates on day-to-day, ABM and flat-fee services will be reduced by 50 per cent.

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Conestoga holds recruitment night

Conestoga hosted an information night for students and parents of students who are interested in attending college next year. Twenty-three colleges participated in the event.

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Mothers and Others work to find solutions

Mothers and Others Making Change (MOMC) is a support advocacy group which helps people living below the poverty level help themselves according to Mariel Davison, one of the group's co-ordinators.

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Students, faculty say farewell to co-ordinator

Broadcasting, radio and television co-ordinator Paul Scott has relocated to British Columbia after four years at Conestoga. Scott accepted an offer to be the overall operations manager and program manager at three radio stations in B.C.

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Flu shots double from last year

The head nurse at Doon Health services, Marilyn Fischer, said the number of flu vaccinations has increased to over 100 shots from approximately 50 shots a year ago.

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Inner City parties with Conestoga students

The CBSA held its second Biz Bash of the year at Inner City, Nov. 16. More than 500 students came out to party to the music of Jammin' Jonnie. CBSA president Leanne Charters said the profits will be spent on upgrading facilities for the business students.

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Wildbaum not that wild in the Sanctuary

Comedian and mime artist Paul Wildbaum put on an impressive performance as part of a DSA nooner. Tuesday, Nov. 14.

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Condors fly past Shields

The Condors took a lead into the third period and were able to hold off the Cambrian Golden Shields to win 6-5, Nov. 17. Evan Anderson had five points and Chris Marshall was solid in net for the Condors. The win moves the undefeated Condors into a tie with Seneca for second place.

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Continuing education enrolment hits high

By Jeannette Cantin

Conestoga College's continuing education numbers for fall registration continue to rise despite a trend to the contrary at other Ontario colleges.

Assistant registrar Janeen Hoover said in an interview that the registrar's office processed registrations for a record-breaking 11,987 continuing education students as of Nov. 13. This represents a 4.9 per cent increase over last November's numbers, Hoover said. By Nov. 20, the number was expected to break 12,000.

Hoover said the registrar's office handled the increase without extra staff. "We hear all of this doom and gloom and forget we're doing well with what we have," she said. The registrar's office is trying to be more productive with the staff and facilities on hand.

This includes ensuring a quick turnaround time — 24 to 48 hours — for processing part-time registrations. Hoover said applicants don't have to wait to find

out if and when they are starting a course. Including mailing time, registrants should hear from the college within seven to 10 days of the office receiving the registration form.

Director of continuing education Marilyn Black Lambert said the 4.9 per cent increase doesn't include unpaid registrations. It does include registrations for which Conestoga bills a company for tuition. She said once the semester is over, the official number of students can increase by 200 or 300.

Black Lambert said a steady rise in registration numbers has resulted in a 20 per cent increase since 1992, when the numbers broke the 10,000 mark.

Black Lambert said it is common for continuing education numbers to rise when the economy is bad because people are looking to find an advantage to keep or get a job.

However, the college fully expected a dip in the numbers as experienced by Fanshawe, Mohawk, Niagara, Lambton and St. Clair colleges. The 1995 fall reg-

istration figures for these schools have fallen up to eight per cent, she said.

Both Black Lambert and Hoover credit Conestoga's ability to meet the needs of its clients for the college's growth. "Frankly, we're doing a lot of things right," Black Lambert said.

From increasing the quality of the continuing education calendar to providing better lighting in the parking lots, Black Lambert said the efforts of the entire college are responsible for increasing the level of customer service.

"The only thing we have to sell is the quality of the courses and the institution," Black Lambert said. In 1990, Conestoga offered 25 certificate, post-diploma and post-certificate programs. In 1995, that number has increased to 56. In all, Black Lambert said, about 800 courses are offered each semester.

She said in-depth training and certification are the most common needs cited by clients. In response, about 20 per cent of the training courses are replaced by new programs three times a year.

Forest area will continue to spread at Doon campus

By Leanne Moses

On Nov. 16, Conestoga's Alumni Association donated \$1,000 in seed money that will eventually grow into something resembling a Carolinian forest.

The donation was in support of the Doon campus reforestation project.

College President John Tibbits said in an interview the reforestation project started two years ago when the college celebrated its 25th anniversary in the same year as Canada celebrated its 125th. To celebrate, 150 trees donated by Sheridan Nurseries were planted.

This year, the woods by the recreation centre were extended by about 30 metres (100 feet) and 100 trees were planted adjacent to the School of Business.

The project improves the environment

and the esthetics of the campus; Tibbits said. "Ten years from now, the college grounds will look significantly better."

He also said students can contribute to the project by buying trees. The college is considering a package ranging from \$50 to \$100 based on tree size.

Trees could be donated by individuals, graduating classes or as memorials.

Mary Wright, manager of student employment, co-op education and alumni services said the Alumni Association will donate \$500 annually to the project for the next four years.

The college's support staff union has also donated money to the project.

Tibbits said a donation of \$1,000 a year can make a difference because it will buy 35 to 40 small trees.

The college has an agreement with

Sheridan to buy "end-of-the-line" trees at a discount in the fall, Tibbits said. "It's like buying day-old bagels."

At one time, southwestern Ontario was covered by Carolinian forests which were mostly cut down by European settlers who farmed the land.

According to Canadian Geographic, Carolinian species include tulip trees, black gums, sycamores and sassafras.

Although Kitchener is west of the Carolinian forest range, the college may be able to grow some southern varieties. Trees that survive better in the south are planted at the forest edge, Tibbits said.

For instance, he said some rare tulip trees have been planted.

"Someday, I'd like to be able to say that any species of trees that grow in this climate will be on this site."

CAMPUS NEWS

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News Briefs

G.L.A.D. meetings

- The next meeting for the Gays and Lesbians at Doon (G.L.A.D.) will take place on Nov. 27 at 4:30 p.m. This group will also have a movie night on Nov. 30, a Christmas party on Dec. 2, and a final meeting for 1995 on Dec. 11. For more information contact Joan Magazine in room 2B02.

Support group

- The support group for students affected by family benefit cuts, will be meeting on Wednesday Dec. 6 from 3:30 to 4:30 in room 1C29-1, near the blue cafeteria.

Peer host

- A peer host social event will take place on Nov. 29 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the faculty/staff lounge.

Brain software seminar

- Master hypnotist Mike Mandel will present a brain software seminar during a free day show on Nov. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children's Christmas party

- This event is free with the donation of a non-perishable food item. It will be held on Sunday Dec. 3 from 2-4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The party is open to all students, faculty and staff. Interested people should sign up at the DSA office.

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 20 issue of Spoke, Barry Milner is manager of physical resources. The printer mixed the photos of the 25-year service and retired employees. Spoke regrets the errors.



25-year service

Bottom row (from left): Titia Taylor, Marion Watson, Daphne Gatehouse, Donna Coulas, Carolyn Dudgeon, Carol Dietrich. Back row: Bart Wesseling, Tom Lumsden, David Courtemanche, Ken Smith, Yorck Lindner, Doug Wilson, John Scott, Ken Snyder, Tony Martinek, Brad Howarth, Brent Davidson, Martin Dambeau, Denis Kuhl, Geoff Johnstone.

(Photo by Leanne Moses)



Retired employees

From left: Colin Isles, Jean McEwan and Bill Harrison.

(Photo by Leanne Moses)

December 6

Doon to commemorate women who died in Montreal massacre

By Leanne Moses

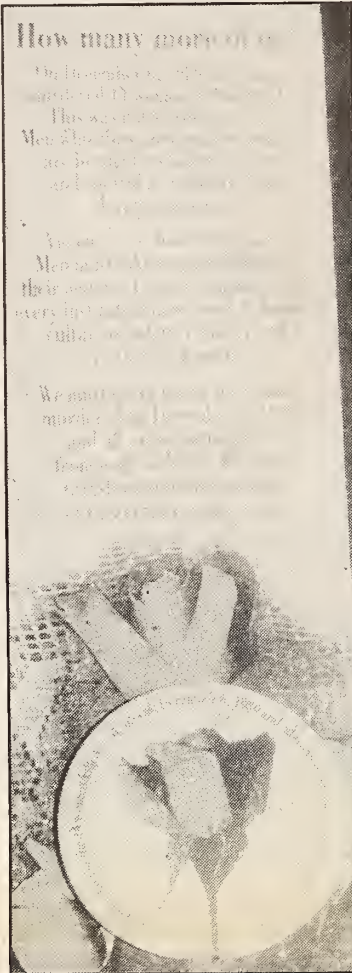
On Dec. 6, Conestoga College will commemorate the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women with a moment of silence at 11 a.m.

Six years ago on that date, Marc Lepine murdered 14 female students studying engineering at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal.

Since that time, anti-violence and women's groups have sought to raise awareness for violence against women through what has come to be known as the rose campaign. The name derives from the trademark lapel buttons showing a rose encircled by the words, "in commemoration of the 14 women killed in Montreal, December 6, 1989 and all women who have suffered from violence."

The Doon Student Association (DSA) and the women's resources committee have planned several activities to raise awareness of violence against women and to help support the anti-violence campaign.

April-Dawn Blackwell, DSA vice president of student affairs, told members of the women's resource committee at the Nov. 16 meeting she had ordered 100 commemorative rose lapel buttons to be sold throughout the school. The cost of the buttons will be \$1. Half of the purchase price goes towards the cost of the buttons. The other half will be donated to the three



DSA will be selling rose buttons on campus as part of the events planned for December 6.

(Photo by Leanne Moses)

women's shelters in the area:

Mary's Place and Anselma House in Kitchener, and the Family Crisis Shelter in Cambridge.

"The buttons are not only for women. I hope men will wear them too," Blackwell said. Although the buttons will be available from the DSA office as soon as they are delivered, Blackwell said she plans to set up tables around the school on Dec. 6 to sell the majority of them. She said she also plans to sell the buttons in other locations around the campus if possible.

The DSA will also be selling security whistles for \$2.00 apiece from which 50 cents will go towards the women's shelters.

Blackwell said the whistle, called the Fox 40, is recognized as an official security whistle and is used by lifeguards. It has the highest, loudest pitch of any whistle. As well, she said because it does not contain a ball like many types of whistles, it cannot freeze up.

Another activity planned for the day at the Doon campus is the showing of the National Film board film, *After the Montreal Massacre* which will be shown during the lunch hour.

This film is a video documentary about the Montreal event. It illustrates the spectrum of violence against women through the perspective of a student who survived the massacre.

The time and place of the showing are not confirmed. For further information, contact Barb Kraler in Student Services or the DSA office.

Banking business

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce competes for student market

By Heather Milburn Graham

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) announced Friday, Nov. 17 that it will reduce by 50 per cent all service fees for full-time college and university students.

"This is a way for our bank to remain competitive. We're always trying to serve our customers better," said Joanne Zalagenas, a personal banking representative for the CIBC in Conestoga Mall, Waterloo.

Zalagenas said their discount applies to banking transactions including flat fee packages, cheque and in-branch withdrawal fees.

Zalagenas verified a Canada NewsWire fact-sheet which stated students will now pay 25 cents for day-to-day transactions such as use of the automated banking machine (ABM), over the telephone payments, Interac Direct payment or pre-authorized debits.

They will pay 30 cents for cheque and in-branch withdrawal fees, \$2.63 for automated banking flat fee packages and \$4.75 for full service banking flat fee packages. Zalagenas said these fees apply

only to customers with balances below \$1,000. Banking transactions are free otherwise, she said.

"Many students receive the Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) and start their bank account with large balances," she said. "Over the course of the term the balance drops below \$1,000 and it is at this point that added savings are needed."

Other banks in the area have comparable student discount rates, with exception of Scotiabank which offers all its banking services free of charge to student customers.

"The only fee students at Scotiabank pay is \$1 every time they use an ABM from another bank," said Jane Spielmacher, an officer in charge at the Scotiabank on King Street and Columbia Street.

She said the Scotia Power-chequing account gives students monthly interest on minimum daily balances, no service charges to process cheques, withdraw cash, transfer funds, make pre-authorized payments or Direct Payment purchases.

With this account, she said, there is no minimum monthly balance required.

According to the fact-sheet, CIBC is a leading provider of banking services to students.

The bank handles over 400,000 government-sponsored student loans from about 260,000 student customers.

Zalagenas said CIBC offers personal student loan plans for those who do not qualify for OSAP.

Students can receive up to \$5,200 at four per cent above the prime rate.

She said students on this plan are responsible for making monthly interest payments while they're in school.

This means, she said, that when students are finished their program they will only have the original sum to pay plus interest.

Students on OSAP receive a fixed interest rate and are not required to start paying the loan back until six months after they have finished school.

Given CIBC's figures and comparing them with OSAP's, a student on OSAP could pay up to \$800 less on a \$5,000 loan if it is paid over a two-year period and \$200 less on that same loan over a three-year period.

CAMPUS NEWS

Colleges offer future choices in post-secondary education

By Steve Tuckwood

Conestoga's recreation centre was the site as potential college students tried to decide the best route of post-secondary education they should take, along with advice from their parents.

Twenty-three colleges participated Nov. 14 in this year's information night designed to help inquiring students understand what each of the colleges has to offer.

At information booths set up around the gymnasium, students could talk to a college representative and acquire printed material from each college pertaining to the courses each one offers.

Elaine Thibert, liaison officer for St. Clair College, said the information sessions are a good way for students to ask questions directly to the people who can answer them.

"Students today have to be careful when making choices about school," said Thibert.

"This way we can answer the questions before the decisions are

made, and that benefits everyone involved."

Most of the students involved walked away with bags full of course calendars and pamphlets outlining everything from housing to transportation links to each of the campuses.

Joanne Mezenberg, liaison officer for Ridgetown College, said the information night is even more beneficial to a college like the one she works for.

"Due to the small size of our school, a night like this gives people exposure to some institutions they may never have heard of before."

Though the information night ended earlier than expected because everyone came early and left as soon as their general questions were answered, overall the night was considered a great success.

Laura Naumann, liaison officer for Loyalist College, said the one factor that a night like this brings into play is the presence of the parents who sometimes are footing the bill and are therefore more interested than they used to be.

"College is an expensive but worthwhile investment," said Naumann. "Parents want to know what they and their kids are getting from wherever they plan to go."

Naumann said the parents often ask questions that the kids don't necessarily think of, like food and accommodations.

"Parents always think of the important things, the kids are just interested in what they are going to learn, whether it will get them a job and how much fun they will have getting there."

The night at Conestoga was a stop in the eighth of a nine-week tour that the representatives are doing to promote individual schools.

The pace of the tour is hectic sometimes, but comes with reward to representatives like Diane Goff of Durham College.

"The kids get so excited about things like this because it involves their future," said Goff. "And if we recruit only one more kid to come to the school then we have done our job, and that feels good too."

Caffeine crazed



Students and visitors squeeze into a crowded Roasters to get beverages Nov. 15. Visitors were on campus attending V.I.P. Day.
(Photo by Samantha Craggs)

Mothers and others finding solutions

By Linda Yovanovich

People who have been affected by cuts to social assistance programs do not have to feel helpless and alone when dealing with their problems.

Mothers and Others Making Change (MOMC) is a support advocacy group which helps people living below the poverty level help themselves, said Mariel Davison, one of the group's co-ordinators.

The group began as a locality development project by the region in 1984. Since then it has evolved into a self-help group focusing on giving people the opportunity to speak out and assisting people find out what they need, rather than telling them, said Davison in a phone interview.

Davison, a mother of one and a full-time student at the University of Waterloo, said she became involved with the group because of

her concern about how society helps those in need.

She said she was influenced by some women she interviewed for a paper for school. The women had gone to the Salvation Army to exchange some clothing, said Davison. However, they were turned away by the organization. "They were told to 'Go call your social worker' to receive a \$10-voucher for clothing," she said.

Davison said organizations like the Salvation Army discourage people from trying to solve their own problems. "They're saying don't organize yourself in any new ways." She added organizations such as the Salvation Army look at charity from a rescuing perspective.

MOMC has about 200 members, Davison said, although the number varies because people on social assistance move three to four times as often as people not on social assistance.

Davison said calling meetings for the group has been challenging because there is rarely a common time for everyone to get together.

"We're looking at getting the addresses of members and sending information in the mail," she added.

Davison said there is a different type of person on social assistance today compared to the 1970s. She said for the most part, society still holds a '70s outlook.

She said the majority of people on social assistance are women who have just left marriages. She added they are usually on social assistance for about three years.

"These women are not used to being in this group," Davison said, "They don't think of themselves as 'pathetic welfare recipients.'"

She said society must change the way it looks at people on welfare and added that essentially, welfare is 'income maintenance' as are student loans and Canada Pension.

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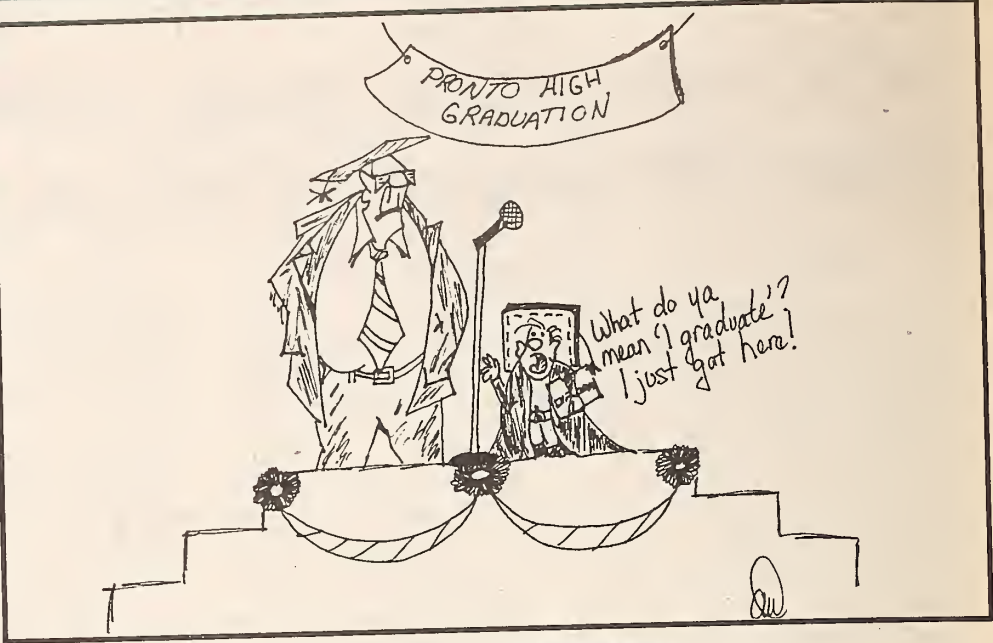
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Just a thought



By C.D. Hackett

Women need to speak about violence

As the anniversary of the Montreal massacre draws near, I fear the world grows more evil every day and I worry about the future.

Marc Lepine slaughtered 14 women on December 6, 1989 and wounded 13 other people, nine of whom were females at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal.

Six years later the anniversary is remembered and sorrow is still felt.

Women are still being victimized. I think of the brutal murders of Tammy Homolka, Leslie Mahaffey and Kristen French and horror slices through my soul like a blade.

Three years ago, I attended a seminar addressing the issue of date and acquaintance rape and was informed that statistically, one out of four Canadian women will be sexually assaulted by the time she reaches the age of 18. While discussing this statistic with a friend, we decided upon a more realistic view of the statistical four.

One will keep silent about being assaulted, because of a fear of retribution. Another will have a severe mental block preventing her from remembering the assault. One will think it is "normal behavior" because of her history of victimization. And one lucky soul will never have to experience the extreme loss of personal power, control and safety that ac-

companies sexual assault.

My sister is 14 years old. As far as I know, she has never been sexually assaulted. I want it to stay that way.

I want all women to be able to live in a world where they do not have to be afraid. But, unfortunately, the real world is a scary place and I don't feel safe living in it.

Getting over any form of assault is a difficult and pain-ridden process. A victim can find herself flashing back to an incident without warning, months or years after it occurred.

Many victims feel ashamed and guilty, placing blame on themselves instead of where it belongs — on the sick and twisted individuals who have hurt them.

Women need to speak out about the violence they suffer, to let the world know that they are empowering themselves and are not afraid to report crimes and follow the process to a judgement in court.

Harsher sentences should be imposed upon abusers and studies of successful rehabilitations should be made periodically to ensure that the perpetrators who are released are not going to repeat their mistakes.

It is not up to our children or siblings to make the world a better place. It is our duty to make it safer for them.

Guest columnist

By Joan Magazine
Student Services

Harris cuts affecting education on violence

The financial cuts of the "common sense" revolution of the Harris government are affecting greatly the services in this community that educate to prevent violence or support victims.

Recently I received some fact sheets from the Social Planning Council of Kitchener-Waterloo which inform our community of the impact of government cutbacks in the Waterloo Region.

It seems the primary victims of these cuts are immigrants, lower income residents, battered women and their children and teen mothers and their children.

On December 6, we will be remembering the 14 female engineering students from L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal who died a violent death at the hands of a man with a gun. We want to remember them and continue to work for change to end violence.

More than \$625,00 in funding will be cut from community counselling against violence, education about violence, and safe housing for women and children who are victims of violence.

Community counselling and prevention around violence includes public education, victim counselling, safe housing for women and children and counselling for male batterers.

In the area of prevention and education, the total provincial funding affected is \$77,500. Where counselling was provided in the community, \$459,000 was eliminated. An emergency shelter, which also provides second-stage housing for women and children at risk, lost \$89,300.

We must challenge the government to explain the "sense" of these changes.

Conestoga Corner



By Scott
Donnelly

Make sober decision to arrive alive

As I drove home from the Biz Bash Nov. 16, I couldn't help but think of the new drinking and driving law. I had only four beers over several hours and although I was unsure about my blood-alcohol level, I had no doubt about my ability to drive home.

This is the feeling that causes trouble for drivers who have had too much to drink. You can be as responsible about drinking and driving as you want when you are sober but if your responsibility deteriorates as your reflexes do when you are drinking it will not matter.

Ontario courts do not see impaired driving in that light however.

They see it as a decision by a person to drive while they are drunk. And that is what it is, but the decision is being made by a person whose judgement is impaired.

It's different from using drunkenness as an excuse to rape or assault someone. Most people do not get those ideas but we are talking about the idea of driving home, something we do every day.

That's not to say that the law is too harsh on impaired driving, but it could be handled in a better way.

First, the new law, where an officer can take away a driver's licence if his or her blood-alcohol level exceeds 0.08, is an infringement of a person's right.

Whatever happened to innocent until proven guilty? Sure the officer has the evidence but that evidence does not always lead to a conviction in a court of law.

Upon conviction a person usually loses his or her license for a year. This prevents the individual from driving while impaired for a while, but does it cure the problem? Does it rehabilitate the offender? No. Chances are that the person will still drink after that time and will have to make the same, impaired decision.

During my time as a court reporter I saw too many repeat offenders, some who were arrested again even before their first suspension was served. A second conviction within five years results in automatic jail time which also does not help the offender.

These people are not sick, deranged criminals, they are everyday businessmen, mechanics, teachers, etc.

There is no intent to commit a crime. There is the consumption of some alcohol which leads to a stupid decision.

Maybe the judge should order the offender to take counselling for alcoholism and drinking and driving. However, not all drunk drivers are alcoholics.

So, if that won't solve the problem, the judge could order the person to have one of those breathalysers hooked up to the ignition, which will not allow the car to be started unless the driver registers a legal sample of breath.

Getting a designated driver is the easiest and best way to prevent drinking and driving. But that's the ideal situation, when you know you'll be getting drunk and can make the decision while you are sober. But in some cases you might not be out with your friends and might have to make a decision about your ability to drive.

I wonder how many people had to make that decision after the Biz Bash.

TAKING SIDES

Was the Harris government right in cutting Ontario Academic Credits from the high school curriculum?

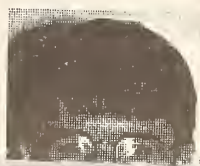
OAC promotes laziness

By Kean Doherty



Phasing out the Ontario Academic Credit (OAC) or fifth year of high school in Ontario should not

campus comments



"No, I went back for an extra year, and it's not fair that those graduating now don't have to."

The year they were cheated



By Steve Tuckwood

At a time when so many people are being critical of the education system in Ontario and the ineptitude of the graduates it is producing, how can the Harris government justify the scrapping of Ontario Academic Credits.

Education is something a young person in search of a career cannot seem to have enough of. Master's degrees, PhDs, bachelor's degrees, diplomas – the list goes on.

Without one of these, the likelihood of obtaining a job which provides a decent living for more than yourself is small.

OAC was my best and most fun year of school. I obtained the highest marks of my life and enjoyed school for many reasons.

I was treated like an adult which gave me confidence and self-esteem, something most 17-18 year-olds lack when they are forced to leave high school.

I was in a safe place for another year, somewhere

university. I could never have left as an 18-year-old. I wasn't old enough just as I don't think some of the students who are forced to do it now are.

And now the government wants them to leave even earlier.

Many of the students I have been associated with here at Conestoga who have come to college right out of high school have failed to remain in the journalism program for more than one semester. This says nothing about the faculty, because many others have endured it. It says that the people involved left the program because: they weren't happy; they failed or they changed their minds about where they wanted to be.

It's clear to most of us associated with the education system that few people right out of high school are able to handle the rigors of post-secondary education right away.

The choices are not as concrete nowadays and many people change their mind about career choice while in their early twenties – some more than once.

The extra year of school just may give these students a chance to make these decisions while they are there rather than spending one or two years in a program they really don't want to be in.

I don't know if this holds true for other faculties or institutions but if the numbers here are any indication we should think twice about eliminating another year of education from these people's adolescent and late teenage lives.

OACs offer a place for people who are serious about education to flock to.

It is not a wasted year attended by people who don't want to be in school – these people have made a decision to make education a part of their life.

Let them.

Cost-cutting may be an issue here, but apparently so is experience cutting for the most important people – I'll bet Harris and most of his cabinet went to Grade 13 and look where it got them . . . Oops.



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Curriculum, term and semester lengths, school board amalgamation and teacher certification must all undergo change. Year-round education and shorter holidays, already being tested in Alberta, should be considered so a smooth transition to a four-year program is made.

The Royal Commission on Learning, put out during Bob Rae's term, suggested 24 instead of 30 credits for graduation, fewer school boards and two-year certification for teachers to ensure higher standards.

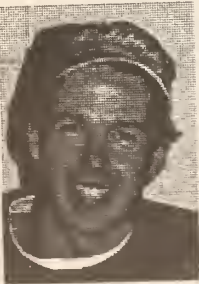
All these are well and good if considered and implemented by the Harris government. If not, education, and students, will continue to plod along, unhindered by change and no more mature than they were 27 years ago.



Jason Snider
First-year Electrical Engineering

"I think you can learn everything you need to know in four years. As a taxpayer I think it's good"

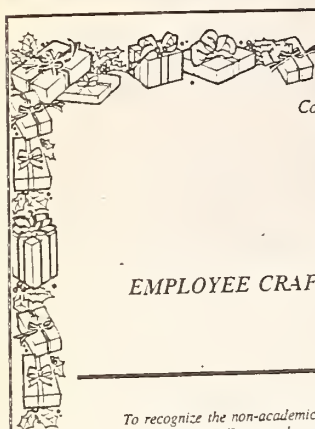
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To recognize the non-academic talents of Conestoga College employees, and in order to give College employees an opportunity to support each other's talents, the College is offering a one-day show and sale of crafts/hobbies to be held by College employees and to be attended by College staff and students.

WHEN: Friday, December 1, 1995

WHERE: Doon Campus
Main Cafeteria
(just outside Blue Cafeteria)

TIME: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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JANET ZILIO, DOON CAMPUS, HUMAN RESOURCES EXTENSION 269 BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1995.



Flu vaccine administered at Doon

By Kean Doherty

The number of people getting flu shots has nearly doubled from the number who got the shots last year, said the head nurse at Doon health services.

Marilyn Fischer said she has administered the flu vaccine to 97 people so far, with another eight left.

"Last year we had one and a half pages of sign-ups, this year we have four," said Fischer.

The number of asthmatic people who have received the shot is also up, said Fischer.

Every year the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta identifies the particular strains, Fischer said, and a serum is developed to combat them.

In Canada, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization accepts the data from the CDC and they determine which groups will receive the vaccination, free of charge.

Fischer said those in high risk categories such as people over 65, diabetics and asthmatics are targeted for the free vaccine.

However, Fischer said, Conestoga also makes the vaccination available to anyone who wants it, for a fee of \$10.

The possible side-effects of the vaccination, especially for first-time young adult recipients, are soreness, fever, malaise and general achiness said Fischer.

For those who do not receive the vaccination, though, the complications of the flu are much worse, she

said and added that if people do not eat well, exercise and get enough sleep, they put themselves at greater risk.

Fischer said the flu virus is an airborne one and cautions those who work and interact with large numbers of people to think about getting vaccinated.

"We normally administer the vaccination from mid-October to late November and we are nearly done," said Fischer.

The immunization period finished on Friday, Nov. 24 but Fischer said anyone who still wants the vaccination can contact her at the health services office.

Fischer will then either administer a surplus dosage or give a list of doctors or clinics who are still vaccinating.

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ENTERTAINMENT

CBSA's second Biz Bash rocks Inner City night club

By Scott Donnelly

The Inner City nightclub was rocking Nov. 16 as the Conestoga Business Association held its second Biz Bash of the year.

The bar was quiet until 10 p.m. when most of the crowd began arriving. After that the spacious bar was packed, especially near the dance floor.

The music was provided by DJ Jammin' Jonnie (John Grnca), a third-year marketing student from Conestoga.

Grnca played a steady diet of dance music and thrilled the crowd with Eh Macarenta. The dance floor, which was packed for most of the night, erupted into a choreographed blur of swaying dancers.

The only prizes given out were the pitchers which could be kept after buying the container of draft beer.

CBSA president Leanne Charters said the organizers were hoping for a good turnout but did not expect as

large a crowd as the one at the first Biz Bash.

"We had 850 people at the first one but this is a busy time of the year, when everyone has reports due," said Charters. "There are a lot of people with tests tomorrow so the attendance will be down."

Charters said the Biz Bash was moved from Ruby's, at the Waterloo Inn, to Inner City for financial reasons.

She said that the CBSA has free use of the bar, and gets all of the revenue from ticket sales at Inner City, which is also larger than Ruby's.

Charters also said that the CBSA was able to drop the price of advance tickets from \$7 to \$6 because of the change in venue.

The profits from Biz Bashes go toward upgrading and expanding facilities and equipment for business students, said Charters.

She said they have added as many computers as possible and will use

the money to upgrade the software.

"We bought 10 new terminals and we're also looking at a server to help with the backlog," said Charters.

Charters also said the CBSA will be donating around \$33,000 to the college.

"The college bought the new computers and software," Charters said. "The cheque presentation is really a payoff for them from the CBSA."

She said the cheque presentation is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 23, pending the approval of College president John Tibbits.

During an interview after the Biz Bash, Charters confirmed that approximately 550 people attended the party.

We probably made somewhere around \$4,000 from this one," said Charters. "We met our goal so we're happy."

The next Biz Bash is Feb. 8 at Inner City.



G.L.A.D.

Gays and Lesbians at Doon

Up Coming Events

November 27, 1995 ~ Meeting

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November 23, 1995 ~ A Night Out

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November 30, 1995 ~ Movie Night

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December 2, 1995 ~ Christmas Party

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December 11, 1995 ~ Final Meeting of 1995

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January 8, 1996 ~ First Meeting of 1996

Yuk Yuk's veteran out of his element

By Steve Tuckwood

Never unwilling to try something different, the DSA brought a mime comedian in to do a nooner, but unfortunately the Sanctuary was clearly not his type of venue.

Paul Wildbaum is a Yuk Yuk's veteran who possesses more than stand-up comedic talent.

An experienced mime artist who has worked all over the world, Wildbaum brought his show to the Doon campus on Nov. 14.

The problem was the audience was not interested in his low-key artistic performance. They wanted something boisterous.

It was not that the audience was inattentive or unappreciative of Wildbaum's talent, but they seemed to laugh loudest when he was loud or included expletives in his act.

The audience did stay focused for most of Wildbaum's 20-minute routine.

He split the show into two 20-minute sets, but most of the audience didn't seem too interested in his interpretations of his birth or of his multi-faceted hat.

There is no question that the prob-

lem arose from the fact that you can't turn the Sanctuary into a comedy club and expect everyone to want to listen. Some, unfortunately, are just not interested.

Danny Sugar, another Yuk Yuk's comic, opened the show for Wildbaum.

Sugar, whose comedic style is also very low key, struggled to get any type of audience response setting the tone for what was to come.

DSA entertainment director Steve Geerts said the event was something a little different the DSA wanted to try and didn't consider it a failure in any way.

"We tried going with splitting the show into two parts to see if we could get two different audiences," said Geerts. "And I think it did work to an extent, but then there are some people who just stayed for both anyway."

The DSA is not to be blamed for the result of the show here.

Wildbaum is an extremely talented individual who unfortunately was out of his element in playing the Sanctuary.

Sugar said shows like this are difficult to begin with and most of the comics know what they are in for

when they take them on.

"These can be difficult to begin with," said Sugar. "Then if the first part doesn't go very well you can't be very confident in the second part."

The highlight of the show was Wildbaum's use of the audience member, Mike Billing, who he used to his benefit in winning over some of the audience.

Billing, a second-year accounting student, was so fooled on the stage he failed to notice Wildbaum had lifted his watch right from his arm. It wasn't until Wildbaum pointed out to him that he was missing something that he noticed.

The DSA has to be commended in this situation though because they have made a commitment to the students that they are going to try something different - and they have.

Geerts said he hoped students continue to support events like this one and upcoming ones like Mike Mandel Nov. 30.

Mandel is doing two shows for Conestoga, one in the Sanctuary at noon and one at the Howard Johnson's/ Conestoga Inn in Kitchener at night.



DSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tue. Nov. 28 4:30
Room 1B20

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Condors still undefeated after three games

By Scott Donnelly

A 6-5 victory over the Cambrian Golden Shields Nov. 17, moved the Conestoga Condors into a tie for second-place.

Dewayne Kropf netted two goals and Evan Anderson had five points for the Condors who got off to a quick start for the second game in a row.

Less than two minutes into the game Brian Park one-timed an Anderson pass past Shields' goalie Marc Laverdiere for a power-play goal. Two minutes later, with Cambrian short-handed again, Anderson fired a shot that missed the net, bounced off the end-boards and came out to Jason Wadel who slapped it in.

The Condors let up after the first 10 minutes and the Shields scored twice to tie it up after one period.

Kropf scored his first of the

game at 12:34 of the second on a pass from Anderson. Cambrian tied it a minute later on a questionable goal. With a Condor laying injured on the ice, the Shields Doug Gawley beat Condors' goalie Chris Marshall.

With 47 seconds left in the second, Anderson took a pass in the slot from Terry Lammens and fired a wrist shot through Laverdiere's pads.

The Condors slowed down the pace of the game with solid defense and tight checking. Conal Vaughan scored at 7:47 to make it 5-3.

Then Conestoga let up again and with 5:24 left, Shields' forward Marc Bracken shovelled a rebound past Marshall to bring Cambrian back within a goal.

The game almost got out of hand in the last five minutes with scuffles after every whistle.

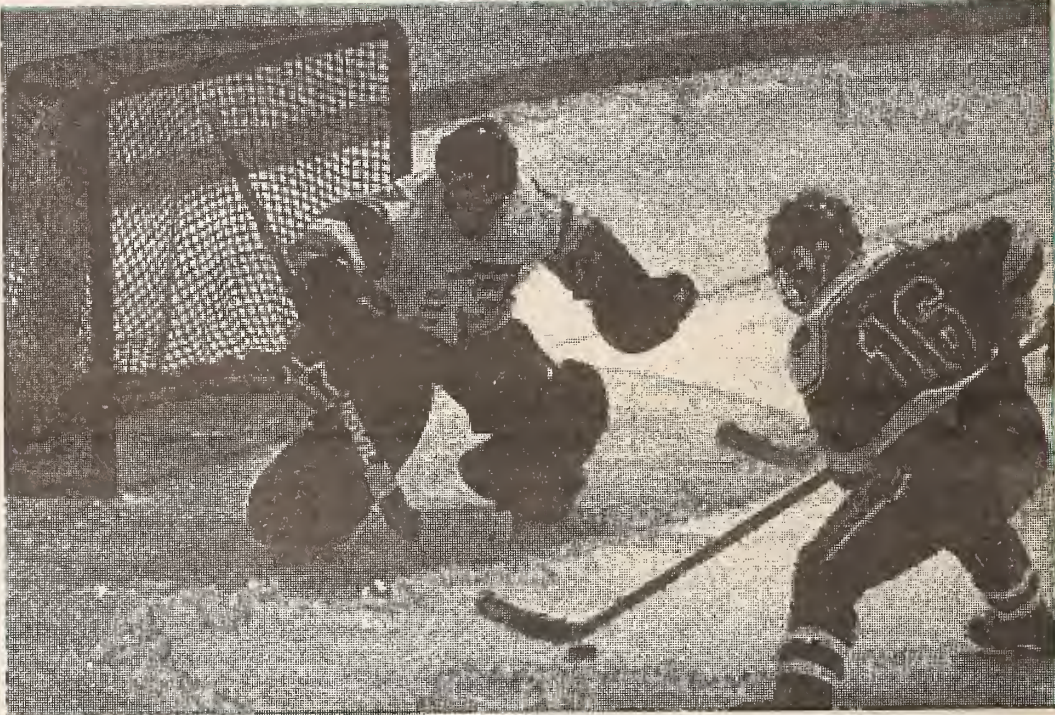
Kropf scored what turned out to be the winner on another set-up from Anderson with 2:32 left in the game.

Condor coach Tony Martindale said the team won because they played a disciplined game and everyone did their jobs.

When the game got physical in the crucial stage, Martindale called a time-out to calm his players down and make sure they did not take any penalties.

"I told them they had to eat it," Martindale said. "I said it wouldn't help the team and it wouldn't have been for anyone but themselves."

Marshall played well in his second start and first complete game of the season. Martindale said Marshall got the start in net because he shut out Sault Ste. Marie in the last period of the previous game.



Condor Evan Anderson (16) gets ready to flip a shot through Marc Laverdiere's pads in hockey action Nov. 17. Anderson also had four assists in the 6-5 Condor win. (Photo by Scott Donnelly)

Varsity
Scoreboard

Men's Hockey

Standings:

Team	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Cambrian	3	2	0	43	33	6
Conestoga	2	0	1	20	17	5
Seneca	2	1	1	23	25	5
S.S. Fleming(P)	1	1	0	12	12	2
S.S. Fleming(L)	0	2	0	12	19	0
Sault	0	2	0	11	15	0

Results:

Nov. 17 Cambrian 5 at Conestoga 6

Nov. 18 Seneca 2 at S.S.Fleming(P) 6

Individual Statistics:

Player/Team:	G	A	P	PIM
T. Caley/CAM	13	12	25	6
B. McAskill/CAM	9	11	20	8
J. Coleman/SEN	4	5	9	2
E. Anderson/ CON	4	5	9	8
N. Schoenfeld/SFL	5	3	8	0
F. Pagani/SEN	3	5	8	10
T. Kutschke/CAM	3	5	8	20

Upcoming Games:

Nov. 26 Conestoga at Fleming(P), 7p.m.

Dec. 2 Conestoga at Cambrian, 8 p.m.

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